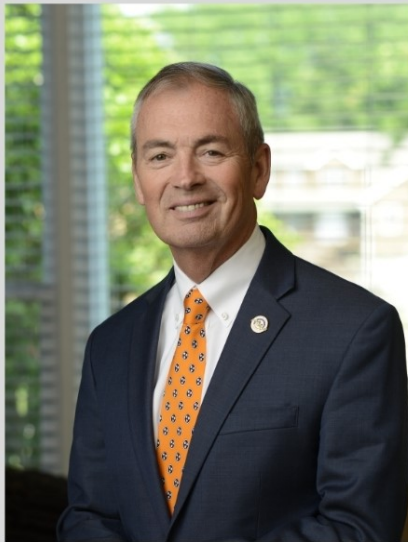




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THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto
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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

As the year comes to an end, it brings with it a sense of reflection. This year was filled with unimaginable hardships; it was also filled with miraculous acts of kindness. To see a single random act of kindness can change one's life, and I saw countless acts of kindness throughout this year. After the tornadoes in March, groups of people in our community and throughout the country came to our aid. Before the tornado recovery process could even be planned, we were hit with a different kind of whirlwind - the COVID-19 pandemic. Still, the kindness kept pouring in. Citizens donated homemade masks to the courthouse and passed out masks at grocery store entrances. Wilson County Schools and the Lebanon Special School District made sure that their students did not go hungry while schools were closed. TEAM NEON with the Lebanon Special School District served over 26,000 meals to children from March 16th to the end of April. There were people reaching out to their neighbors to offer a lending hand either by physically helping someone, providing emotional support, or monetarily helping them make ends meet. The biggest lesson we learned this year was probably that our neighbor was not necessarily the person next door. Maybe the best act of kindness came from those who helped and remained anonymous. Their reward came from the joy they brought to someone that they didn't even know.

After a year such as this, we can all be reminded that our work should be done with others in mind. During this holiday season, ask yourselves what you can do for someone in need. Our county today is better than it was a year ago because of people like YOU who stepped up to make a difference in the life of someone else without expecting anything in return. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

"You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you."—John Wooden

A handwritten signature of Randall Hutto in cursive script.

Commissioner Spotlight: Mike Kurtz District 21



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Wilson County LANDFILL

WINTER HOURS

Monday-Friday
7:00AM-3:00PM

CLOSED SATURDAY

ALL LOADS MUST BE CHECKED INTO
THE SCALE HOUSE BY 2:30 P.M.

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS
TO 615.449.6684

SHOP TENNCOMMUNITY WEEK NOVEMBER 28TH-DECEMBER 5TH

\$5

TennCommUNITY Bucks

\$5

\$5

\$5 Discount at **TennCommUNITY** Merchants, Nov. 28-Dec. 5

\$5

See back for details

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Pick up at participating bank locations NOVEMBER 16TH - 27TH

MOLDEX METRIC, INC. DONATES 50,000 N95 MASKS TO WILSON EMA

Wilson County Emergency Management Agency accepted a donation of 50,000 N95 masks on November 19th. The donation was made by Celanese Corporation to celebrate the transfer of its Wilson County factory to Moldex where millions of N95 respirators will be manufactured starting in January 2021. The project will represent an investment by Moldex of over \$25 million and the creation of more than 200 new jobs in Wilson County. "Wilson County EMA is looking forward to receiving these N95 respirators. These respirators will help protect first responders and workers throughout the county during this unprecedented COVID pandemic. We would like to thank Moldex-Metric, Inc. for this greatly needed donation to be used throughout our communities," said Joey Cooper, Director of Wilson County Emergency Management Agency



Pictured left to right: Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto, Moldex-Metric, Inc.'s Wilson County Plant Manager Bryan Harralson, WEMA Director Joey Cooper

NEW MURAL IN WATERTOWN *#PaintWilCo*

The Wilson County Murals Committee and the Convention and Visitors Bureau unveiled their latest mural in Watertown on November 12th. This mural was the seventh out of ten murals to likely be completed by the end of 2020. Located on the west facing wall of Action Restoration along the walking path from the train station to downtown Watertown, this painting illustrates a train coming into the station. The mural was designed and painted by artists Pat Jackson and Donna Delmas of Watertown and was sponsored by Scott Walker of Action Restoration. Thank you to everyone involved in making this possible! If you haven't been able to check out the mural yet, stop by and take a photo or a selfie!



Photo credit: Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce



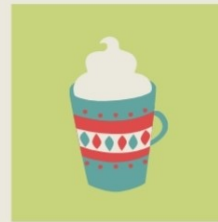
Wilson County Government
Offices will be closed on the
following dates:

Thursday, December 24th

Friday, December 25th

Thursday, December 31st

Friday, January 1st



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY!

it's about to get ugly



LEBANON CHRISTMAS PARADE
DECEMBER 6, 2020 @ 2:00 P.M.

PRESENTED BY:
LEBANON WILSON COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE &
CITY OF LEBANON



Please remember to practice good hygiene this holiday season. Frequent hand washing and covering your sneeze or cough with a tissue can slow the spread of germs. If you're sick, stay home except to get medical care. We'll see you when you're well!



Kindness Matters

Do you have a story about a recent act of kindness? Share it with us!

Submit your story to brooke.driver@wilsoncountyttn.gov or share it on social media using the hashtag #WilsonCountyCares.

REAL I.D. GOING INTO EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 2021

This is a reminder that the REAL ID Act of 2005 will go into effect on October 1, 2021. After October 1, 2021, anyone who flies domestically within the United States, seeks entry to a military base, a nuclear facility or certain federal buildings and plans to use a state-issued license or ID as a form of identification will need a REAL ID. REAL IDs must be made in person at a Driver Services Center or participating County Clerk Partner. Wilson County has two locations where REAL IDs can be obtained. These locations are the Clerk's office on S. College Street and the Drivers Services Center (DMV). Visit www.tnrealid.gov to view participating locations nearest you. To apply for a REAL ID, Tennesseans must provide one proof of citizenship, one proof of their full Social Security Number, and two proofs of Tennessee Residency along with documentation supporting any name change from your proof of citizenship (see below). For more information about the REAL ID, visit www.tnrealid.gov or www.dhs.gov/real-id.

Tennessee Real ID Requirements for County Clerks

GROUP 1

Need 1 from this group, unless there has been a name change.

Proof of Citizenship

- U.S. Birth Certificate
 - Must be issued by a **State Office** or **Vital Records**.
 - Must have a raised and/or colored seal.
 - No Hospital Copies or Census copies.
 - **If your current name isn't the same as what is listed on your Birth Certificate you MUST provide a marriage certificate divorce decree or court order showing the name change along with your birth certificate.**
 - **If your name has changed more than once, you MUST provide proof of each name change.**
- U.S. Passport
 - Must not be expired
- U.S. Certificate of Consular Report or Birth Abroad

GROUP 2

Need 1 from this group

Proof of Social Security

- Social Security Card
 - No Medicare Cards
 - No Metal Cards
 - No Photocopies
- Payroll Check Stub
 - Must have FULL Social Security Number
 - Must be dated within the last 4 months
- W-2 or 1099
 - Must be for current tax year
 - Must have FULL Social Security Number
 - No 1040's or other tax documents accepted

GROUP 3

Need 2 from the group

Proof of Residency

- Home Utility Bill
 - Dated within last 4 months.
 - Utility is defined as Gas, Water or Electric.
 - Printed online bills must include the URL address.
 - **NO** cell phone bills.
- TN Vehicle Registration or Title
 - May use one or the other not both.
 - Cannot be expired
- Voter Registration
 - Must be current
- Rental/Mortgage Contract or Receipt, Deed of Sale of Property
 - All must be current.
 - Handwritten rental contracts or agreements must be notarized
- Insurance Policies
 - Must be valid
 - Can use homeowner, renter, auto, health or life.
 - Must include policy number and expiration date.
- TN Driver License or Handgun Carry Permit
 - Must be valid and current.
 - Can use one or the other but not both.
- Checking or Savings Statement
 - Must be dated in the last 4 months.
 - Can't use checks.
- Installment Loans
 - Automobile, Student Loans, Credit Card, Etc.
 - Can't use coupon books.

All documents must be original or certified copies. No photocopies will be accepted.

Ring in Holiday Cheer



'Tis the season of giving, and Wilson Countians are working hard to ensure that children and families in our area will have a Merry Christmas. On November 24th, Mayor Hutto, Representative Clark Boyd and Sgt. Tom Freeman of the Salvation Army (pictured right) kicked off the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign. There may be fewer Red Kettles around this year, but there are many ways to contribute. If you would like to give a donation to the Salvation Army's Angel Tree or volunteer for the Salvation Army, please look on the Salvation Army of Wilson County's Facebook page. To learn more about the numerous charities and organizations in Wilson County that are working throughout this holiday season, call Mayor Hutto's office at 615/444-1383.



FOR THE LOVE OF TENNESSEE, TRAVEL SAFE.

Visit



Fiddlers Grove
Historic Village
Decorated for Christmas
Lebanon, TN

NOV 6 - DEC 19
TUES-SAT 10:00 - 4:00

Visit
WILCO
Tennessee
Lebanon • Mt. Juliet • Watertown

Travel Safe To Wilson County.
All Outdoors, Masks Encouraged, Hand Sanitizing Stations On-Site

615-547-6111

WILSON WARRIORS RECEIVES \$2,000 DONATION

Each year, Charter Communications donates \$2,000 to an organization of their choice. This year it was decided that the contribution would go to Wilson Warriors. The Wilson Warriors program is dedicated to ensuring that our Veterans' names appear on the wall at the Veterans Plaza. This donation will benefit veterans who are deceased or are otherwise unable to afford this honor. On November 11, 2020 Senator Mark Pody, Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto, Wilson County Veteran's Services Director Zabrina Seay and Representative Clark Boyd gathered together to accept the donation from Charter Communications. Thank you to Charter Communications for their generous contribution!



Pictured left to right: Senator Mark Pody, Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto, Wilson County Veteran's Services Director Zabrina Seay, Senior Manager Charter Communications Zachary Bates, Representative Clark Boyd

"We stand with Mayor Hutto and his efforts to curb the rising number of COVID-19 infections in Wilson County. And we are asking for your help," said Jay Hinesley, President of Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital.

"As the county's only hospital, we have a vested interest in the health and wellbeing of every citizen in our community. After months of research and epidemiological data, we are sure that wearing a mask helps save lives. A study released November 10 by Vanderbilt's Department of Health Policy shows that in 67 Tennessee counties that have not focused on masking efforts the death rate from COVID is double than those counties that have.

"Please take this to heart and practice COVID safety fundamentals to protect your loved ones and yourself -- wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, and remember to socially distance and avoid large crowds."

#MasksSaveLives
#VanderbiltHealth





NEED SOME EXTRA SPENDING MONEY?

WORK HERE!

COME CHECK OUT

**NAPA AUTO PARTS
DISTRIBUTION CENTER
JOB FAIR**

Thurs. December 3, 2020

9 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM – 4 PM CST

115 Logistics Drive, Lebanon, TN 37090

OPENINGS:

Warehouse Associate Stockers

8am-5pm (M-F)

Starting Pay \$14.75

Warehouse Associate Pullers

10am-7pm (M-F)

Starting Pay \$14.75

Warehouse Loaders

11am-8pm (M-F)

Starting Pay \$16.75

Main Counter Puller (Weekends)

Saturday 7am-4pm/8am-5pm & Sunday 9am-5pm

Starting Pay \$14.75

TO APPLY:

NAPAAutojobs.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

336-878-4521

Please be sure to wear a face covering & practice social distancing. Thank You!

FREE COVID-19 DRIVE THROUGH TESTING



Anyone with health concerns, or who has concerns about the health of a family member, is invited to come to receive testing for COVID-19. This testing will be provided at no cost to participants, and those who come for testing can remain in their vehicles throughout the process.

**WILSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
945 E BADDOUR PKWY, LEBANON, TN 37087
MONDAY - FRIDAY • 9 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
THE GATE ENTRANCE IS OFF TENNESSEE BLVD
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**



WINNING CHALK ART PHOTOS ON DISPLAY AT THE COURTHOUSE

submitted by Susan Shaw

The first annual chalk art festival of the Cumberland University Community Arts Council announced winners on November 7th. The runoff competition was held during the day at five locations around Lebanon. Contestants and their families met at the Fite-Fessenden House for an Awards Garden Party later in the afternoon. Mayor Randall Hutto and CU President Paul Stumb congratulated the winners. Winners of the runoff competition are Ashley Capps 1st Place, Cameron Bryan 2nd Place, Isidora and Jorge Condeza 3rd Place, Kym Norman and Sam Moredo 4th Place, and Max and Chloe Lafferty 5th Place. Framed photos of the winning chalk art from both the virtual art fest and the runoff competition will be on display in the Wilson County Courthouse from the middle of December until the next annual chalk art fest. Photos can also be posted on Facebook @CUCACarts. You can start planning your chalk art entry for the next festival planned for October-November 2021. For more information, please contact Susan Shaw at 615-444-1383 or shawsu@wilsoncountyttn.gov.



Pictured: Chalk Art Festival winners and contestants pose in the backyard of the Fite-Fessenden House and accept their certificates.



Pictured: Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto congratulates Chalk Art Festival winners at the Fite-Fessenden House.





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Come volunteer, Join Us at either location:
Wilson County Fairgrounds, South Entrance at 360 Peyton Rd, Lebanon, TN, or
Mt. Juliet Providence United Methodist Church, 2293 Rutland Dr., Mt. Juliet, TN

Community Food Giveaway

Saturday, December 5, 2020 Be there at 7:00AM! For more information, call
Susan Shaw (615) 444-1383



Happy Holidays
from all of us here
at the Wilson County
Mayor's Office!

